

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 06/07-08

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2006/07 ALLOCATION FOR THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE FOSTER CARE (FC) PROGRAM

The purpose of this letter is to provide counties with the allocation for the FC Program for FY 2006/07. A total of \$31,134,000 State General Fund (SGF) was made available with the approval of the FY 2006/07 Budget Act.

Beginning in FY 2006/07, an adjustment has been made which reflects the anticipated savings associated with an increase in foster care exits resulting from improved permanency outcomes for children in the Adoptions Program. Funding for the Adoptions Program has been augmented for the purpose of improving adoptions outcomes. As a result, the FC basic allocation premise was reduced by \$53,000 for those counties that receive Adoptions Program funding.

In addition to basic administrative costs, this allocation includes funding for Staff Development, the Adoptions Assistance Program, *Rosales v. Thompson*, caseload growth, and savings associated with Foster Care Reforms and the Legacy System, as shown on Attachment I. Attachment II displays the \$4,218,000 SGF allocation for the Emergency Assistance (EA) portion of the FC Program.

Attachment III provides a brief description of these premises and their respective allocation methodologies, and Attachment IV is a listing of applicable program codes for the FC Program. The administrative expenditures charged against this program are tracked through the County Expense Claim (CEC).

The transfer of funds between FC and Non-Assistance Food Stamps (NAFS) will continue to be allowed for the following counties: Alpine, Amador, Colusa, Glenn, Inyo, Lassen, Mariposa, Modoc, Mono, Plumas, Sierra, and Trinity. It is anticipated that any surplus funds within this small county group will be redistributed at closeout among those counties that overspent their allocations.

Any questions regarding this allocation should be directed to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

C: County Welfare Directors Association

FY 2006/07
FOSTER CARE ALLOCATION
STATE FUNDS

County	Foster Care Administrative Basic	FC Caseload Growth	FC Staff Development	AAP	Rosales v Thompson	Foster Care Reforms	Impr. Adoptions Outcomes Savings	Legacy Savings	FC STATE FUNDS ALLOCATION
Alameda	\$1,735,481	\$0	\$4,097	\$127,244	\$824	(\$129,415)	(\$2,126)	(\$26,100)	\$1,710,005
Alpine	\$7,141	\$0	\$0	\$476	\$500	(\$156)	\$0	\$0	\$7,961
Amador	\$16,000	\$0	\$404	\$2,104	\$500	(\$1,524)	\$0	\$0	\$17,484
Butte	\$146,535	\$975	\$853	\$47,350	\$500	(\$34,475)	\$0	\$0	\$161,738
Calaveras	\$13,858	\$0	\$551	\$3,806	\$500	(\$5,200)	\$0	\$0	\$13,515
Colusa	\$9,983	\$1,356	\$293	\$1,020	\$500	(\$2,684)	\$0	\$0	\$10,468
Contra Costa	\$745,460	\$0	\$3,147	\$114,949	\$776	(\$73,522)	(\$1,863)	(\$26,700)	\$762,247
Del Norte	\$20,351	\$71	\$1,102	\$8,082	\$500	(\$6,010)	\$0	\$0	\$24,096
El Dorado	\$90,855	\$1,409	\$1,151	\$13,589	\$500	(\$10,497)	(\$196)	\$0	\$96,811
Fresno	\$760,415	\$0	\$4,513	\$110,805	\$1,978	(\$117,900)	(\$893)	(\$18,300)	\$740,618
Glenn	\$28,368	\$0	\$761	\$4,890	\$500	(\$3,650)	\$0	\$0	\$30,869
Humboldt	\$73,856	\$1,362	\$369	\$21,402	\$500	(\$14,333)	\$0	\$0	\$83,156
Imperial	\$72,662	\$0	\$166	\$11,211	\$500	(\$14,021)	(\$148)	\$0	\$70,370
Inyo	\$27,669	\$0	\$1,560	\$270	\$500	(\$1,093)	\$0	\$0	\$28,906
Kern	\$442,626	\$0	\$1,738	\$160,259	\$1,725	(\$120,215)	(\$1,545)	\$0	\$484,588
Kings	\$40,645	\$0	\$257	\$19,023	\$500	(\$13,099)	\$0	\$0	\$47,326
Lake	\$35,937	\$0	\$1,111	\$9,102	\$500	(\$11,095)	\$0	\$0	\$35,555
Lassen	\$24,514	\$168	\$1,046	\$3,668	\$500	(\$6,865)	\$0	\$0	\$23,031
Los Angeles	\$12,284,043	\$74,238	\$27,495	\$1,456,214	\$16,930	(\$1,530,321)	(\$17,528)	\$0	\$12,311,071
Madera	\$44,492	\$1,432	\$442	\$12,501	\$500	(\$12,497)	\$0	\$0	\$46,870
Marin	\$84,579	\$0	\$1,459	\$15,012	\$500	(\$5,471)	(\$298)	\$0	\$95,781
Mariposa	\$7,337	\$439	\$635	\$2,378	\$500	(\$2,531)	\$0	\$0	\$8,758
Mendocino	\$95,173	\$0	\$279	\$17,390	\$500	(\$15,760)	\$0	\$0	\$97,582
Merced	\$114,233	\$4,069	\$716	\$26,429	\$572	(\$26,766)	(\$341)	\$0	\$118,912
Modoc	\$4,841	\$0	\$170	\$883	\$500	(\$1,175)	\$0	\$0	\$5,219
Mono	\$9,964	\$22	\$0	\$137	\$500	(\$558)	\$0	\$0	\$10,065
Monterey	\$282,424	\$789	\$1,339	\$41,102	\$539	(\$25,387)	(\$643)	\$0	\$300,163
Napa	\$80,433	\$217	\$257	\$6,861	\$500	(\$7,085)	\$0	\$0	\$81,183
Nevada	\$27,597	\$0	\$674	\$6,248	\$500	(\$5,680)	\$0	\$0	\$29,339
Orange	\$1,038,068	\$0	\$3,866	\$271,746	\$2,008	(\$108,581)	(\$3,763)	(\$46,700)	\$1,156,644
Placer	\$155,571	\$1,006	\$372	\$25,477	\$500	(\$14,548)	(\$230)	(\$8,800)	\$159,348
Plumas	\$18,698	\$0	\$469	\$2,447	\$500	(\$2,661)	\$0	\$0	\$19,453
Riverside	\$1,659,015	\$9,918	\$17,737	\$221,336	\$1,945	(\$187,935)	(\$1,956)	(\$46,400)	\$1,673,660
Sacramento	\$1,962,884	\$0	\$7,557	\$300,754	\$1,751	(\$188,913)	(\$2,555)	(\$61,600)	\$2,019,878
San Benito	\$20,836	\$0	\$1,268	\$2,580	\$500	(\$3,267)	\$0	\$0	\$21,917
San Bernardino	\$1,439,854	\$0	\$6,394	\$217,398	\$3,033	(\$204,149)	(\$3,040)	(\$38,000)	\$1,421,490
San Diego	\$1,437,248	\$0	\$4,658	\$419,303	\$2,472	(\$220,017)	(\$4,609)	(\$38,300)	\$1,600,755
San Francisco	\$1,300,690	\$0	\$7,863	\$92,459	\$500	(\$98,211)	(\$2,045)	(\$25,100)	\$1,276,156
San Joaquin	\$236,462	\$7,038	\$1,124	\$122,556	\$1,149	(\$74,983)	(\$1,664)	\$0	\$291,682
San Luis Obispo	\$158,121	\$1,879	\$6,404	\$28,940	\$500	(\$19,221)	(\$813)	(\$5,300)	\$170,510
San Mateo	\$517,592	\$0	\$10,996	\$34,987	\$500	(\$20,395)	(\$1,285)	(\$29,000)	\$513,395
Santa Barbara	\$236,892	\$8,146	\$930	\$20,245	\$585	(\$20,663)	(\$331)	(\$18,400)	\$227,404
Santa Clara	\$1,191,972	\$0	\$3,760	\$142,732	\$1,262	(\$94,397)	(\$2,431)	(\$62,600)	\$1,180,298
Santa Cruz	\$226,336	\$2,664	\$946	\$31,657	\$500	(\$13,909)	(\$464)	(\$8,300)	\$239,430
Shasta	\$58,998	\$0	\$308	\$45,584	\$500	(\$24,298)	(\$454)	\$0	\$80,638
Sierra	\$10,045	\$0	\$557	\$338	\$500	(\$833)	\$0	\$0	\$10,607
Siskiyou	\$28,527	\$372	\$867	\$7,543	\$500	(\$7,791)	\$0	\$0	\$30,018
Solano	\$250,978	\$0	\$1,003	\$22,824	\$500	(\$25,387)	(\$402)	(\$15,500)	\$234,016
Sonoma	\$115,638	\$603	\$1,251	\$35,055	\$500	(\$21,350)	\$0	(\$14,500)	\$117,197
Stanislaus	\$204,877	\$0	\$755	\$67,325	\$802	(\$23,547)	(\$442)	\$0	\$249,770
Sutter	\$20,906	\$0	\$393	\$17,459	\$500	(\$8,906)	\$0	\$0	\$30,352
Tehama	\$40,446	\$869	\$705	\$9,852	\$500	(\$10,069)	\$0	\$0	\$42,303
Trinity	\$5,548	\$0	\$890	\$1,766	\$500	(\$1,457)	\$0	\$0	\$7,247
Tulare	\$299,168	\$3,413	\$1,022	\$74,661	\$1,086	(\$53,867)	(\$516)	(\$18,700)	\$306,267
Tuolumne	\$31,148	\$31	\$559	\$6,248	\$500	(\$5,620)	\$0	\$0	\$32,866
Ventura	\$361,315	\$301	\$1,292	\$41,715	\$563	(\$33,397)	(\$417)	(\$10,100)	\$361,272
Yolo	\$127,746	\$0	\$1,927	\$36,551	\$500	(\$20,198)	\$0	(\$12,600)	\$133,926
Yuba	\$50,949	\$213	\$1,542	\$28,057	\$500	(\$9,445)	\$0	\$0	\$71,816
Total	\$30,534,000	\$123,000	\$144,000	\$4,574,000	\$60,000	(\$3,717,000)	(\$53,000)	(\$531,000)	\$31,134,000

**FY 2006/07
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
FOSTER CARE ALLOCATION**

County	EA - FC SGF
Alameda	\$404,274
Alpine	\$0
Amador	\$160
Butte	\$27,940
Calaveras	\$5,104
Colusa	\$0
Contra Costa	\$122,356
Del Norte	\$4,956
El Dorado	\$7,242
Fresno	\$100,270
Glenn	\$0
Humboldt	\$11,051
Imperial	\$3,779
Inyo	\$1,472
Kern	\$52,987
Kings	\$2,577
Lake	\$6,095
Lassen	\$0
Los Angeles	\$1,475,174
Madera	\$2,662
Marin	\$5,947
Mariposa	\$0
Mendocino	\$62,768
Merced	\$4,749
Modoc	\$0
Mono	\$0
Monterey	\$6,896
Napa	\$0
Nevada	\$5,222
Orange	\$486,129
Placer	\$26,451
Plumas	\$0
Riverside	\$178,518
Sacramento	\$95,048
San Benito	\$0
San Bernardino	\$286,946
San Diego	\$174,634
San Francisco	\$105,754
San Joaquin	\$29,286
San Luis Obispo	\$57,753
San Mateo	\$87,730
Santa Barbara	\$0
Santa Clara	\$62,616
Santa Cruz	\$79,999
Shasta	\$49,570
Sierra	\$0
Siskiyou	\$966
Solano	\$8,347
Sonoma	\$35,212
Stanislaus	\$17,699
Sutter	\$7,441
Tehama	\$4,619
Trinity	\$371
Tulare	\$38,481
Tuolumne	\$10,545
Ventura	\$28,168
Yolo	\$20,761
Yuba	\$11,275
Total	\$4,218,000

FY 2006/07 FOSTER CARE ALLOCATED PREMISES			
The following provides a brief description of each premise amount contained in the Foster Care Allocation			
PREMISE NAME	DESCRIPTION	COST	SAVINGS
FC Administrative Basic	This premise reflects the administrative costs for the FC Program, and is based on the FY 2005/06 FC Admin Basic funding level, adjusted for caseload.	X	
Caseload Growth	This premise reflects projected caseload growth in the FC Program. The distribution was based on the percent to total ratio of each county's average monthly caseload change from calendar year (CY) 2004 to CY 2005 from the FC 237.	X	
FC Staff Development	This premise reflects the funding for Staff Development. The allocation was calculated by multiplying each county's average percent to total of the 4 most recent quarters (06/05-03/06) FC staff development expenditures and the average FC full-time equivalents (FTEs) eligibility workers for the same time period. An adjustment was made to the allocation to fund the state share of costs for staff training among the 41 counties of the Inter-County Policy and Planning Committee which contracts with the University of California, Davis.	X	
Adoptions Assistance Program (AAP)	AAP funds were allocated using each county's percent to total average monthly caseload from the most recent 12 months (4/05-3/06), as provided by the Adoptions Services Bureau.	X	
Rosales v Thompson	This premise reflects the results of the approval of California Department of Social Services and Rosales v. Thompson (321 F 3d 835) Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision. The distribution was based on the percent to statewide total of each county's average monthly Zero-Parent caseload for CY 2005 from the CA 237, with a guaranteed minimum floor of \$500.	X	
Foster Care Reforms	This premise reflects an estimated savings due to the reduction of annual FC eligibility redeterminations. The distribution was based on the percent to statewide total of each county's average monthly caseload for CY 2005 from the FC 237.		X
Improving Adoptions Outcomes	This premise reflects the savings associated with an increase in FC exits, resulting from improved permanency outcomes for children in the Adoptions Program. Savings were distributed to those counties that receive Adoptions Program funding, based on each county's percent to total of the Adoptions Program allocation.		X
Legacy Savings	This premise reflects the savings that certain counties will realize following their conversion from the outdated legacy systems to their new automated systems.		X
Emergency Assistance Foster Care (EA/FC)	This premise provides funds to counties for the Emergency Assistance portion of FC. Individual county allocations were calculated by multiplying the percent to total ratio of federal expenditures for the 4 most recent quarters (06/05-03/06) to the statewide total available funding. Beginning in FY 2006/07, the federal portion of EA-FC funding will be replaced with SGF. Expenditures exceeding the SGF allocations will be shifted to county share.	X	

PROGRAM CODES

The state share of administration costs reported on the CEC will be charged to the allocation as follows:

FOSTER CARE (FC) DFA 327.4 & 327.5

230 – Adoptions Assistance IV-E
345 – AFDC Foster Care Eligibility
613 – AFDC Foster Care Eligibility – Voluntary Program
300 – STEP Eligibility Determination
029 – Rosales v Thompson

FC State Use Only Code

612 – Foster Care (including AAP) Overmatch

EA FC DFA 327.4 & 327.5

223 – EA FC Eligibility

EA FC State Use Only Code

199 – EA Foster Care Overmatch